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was probably deserted not many years ago. Probably a large town since it was a good fishing place. 361

(16) *Ṫsilkt*, "Bald Eagle": also on the north shore of the river, a little above the last-named. Probably washed away by a flood long ago, although traces of the salmon-weir were still visible recently. [226]

(17) *Nuqāxmāts*, "The Place of Much *qāxmāts*" (the fern *Asplenium cyclosorum*): on the north side of the river about one mile above the preceding. This large town is believed to have been deserted long ago, though, in apparent contradiction, traces of it are said to be still visible. [137]

*(18) *Snulɔ̄li*, "The Place of Dog Salmon": on the south bank, above the last-named, at a place where a small stream enters the Bella Coola River; this divided the town into two sections. It was long deserted and the river has carried away that part of the village below the creek. The name is derived from an enormous dog salmon which is believed to have been seen at long intervals in a waterfall near this spot, always with a water ouzel perched on its back. [825]

(19) *Oḏmikumx:* on the lower end of the island near Hagenburg post office, eleven miles from the ocean. Although long deserted, traces of this village can still be seen. The meaning of the name is unknown.

*(20) *Nukils*, "The Place of the Whirlpool": on the south side of the river, eleven and a quarter miles from the sea. It was a village of moderate size, recently abandoned. The first occupant was said to have been *Ɬkamkila*, which means, "The First of All." [173]

*(21) *Ăsān·ān·i*, "The Concave Town," so called because it spread around the shore of a bay scooped out by the Bella Coola: south side, slightly above the influx of the *Nusāltsum* River, thirteen and a quarter miles from the sea. It was deserted about 1880.

*(22) *Nusḏalst*, "The Place of *Sḏalstutl*": on the north side of the river, opposite the mountain of the same name. It also was deserted about 1880. *Sḏalstutl* is a kind of stone suit- [316]

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361 able for axes, which occurs in the valley of a small stream on
[316] the slope of the mountain.

*(23) *Nulleax*, "The Place Where There Are No Falls": an affluent from the north enters the main Bella Coola about thirty-one miles from the sea and the town was located on this creek about two hundred yards above its junction with the Bella Coola. The ruins of this moderately large town were still
[175] standing about 1870. Mackenzie reached the Bella Coola River
[166] at this place. At the time of his arrival the population was
[226] larger than usual, because the salmon-weir had withstood some heavy freshets which had destroyed several weirs on the Bella Coola, and driven the inhabitants of other villages to *Nulleax*.

[133] It is said that the affluent at *Nulleax*, the stream *Xaiqts*, is the only one in the whole Bella Coola valley that does not drop precipitously into a ravine leading to the main river. Its source is a spring at the end of a pocket-like valley, at the base of steep cliffs, but it does not fall down these. The town is named from this circumstance. The area around the spring is called *Nusnäxvnxkt*, and it is said that some families living on the Skeena sing of it as the spot where their first ancestors came to earth, although their descendants do not know where it is located.

*(24) *Stuax:* on the point between the *La'xilx* (Atnarko) and *Sla·kl* (Whitewater) rivers which join to form the Bella Coola. This, the most populous of the upper river towns, was deserted not long ago. The meaning of the name is unknown.

(25) *Qwliutl*, "The Place of Herbage": on the north side of the Atnarko River, a few hundred yards above the forks. This small town was deserted many years ago. The name was
[137] given on account of the hill behind the village being covered with a rank growth of plants and small bushes, but no trees.

[133] (26) *Snukla·tl*, "The Place of Falls," so called from the strong rapids of the Atnarko at this point: on the north side
[173] of the river about ten miles from the forks. This large town was long ago deserted when a large rock in the midst of the

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obtained two wives, the name of one being *T̈lisla*. He returned to Bella Coola with them.

Nänalskwitl knew that presently he was fated to become immobile, a seat of petrified power. Since he was able to select where this was to be, he chose the site of Mount *Nusqalst*, midway in the Bella Coola valley, as a convenient place to overlook the doings of men. Before he transformed himself into this mountain, he determined that he would have people visit him; accordingly he changed his axe, *Nusḵmidjusta*, which he carried concealed beneath his blanket, into *sqalst*, a stone much used for axes and adzes. Until the introduction of white man's tools his wish was gratified; people came from far and near to obtain the necessary material.

The human origin of the mountain is still remembered, since it is often spoken of by its chiefly names, *Nänalskwitl* and *T̈lisla*, relics of its existence as a man. This story is regarded as an origin myth, and as such might have been included in vol. I, chap. VI.

This mountain is regarded with awe by the Bella Coola on account of its great height, but it seems to lack most of the characteristics ascribed to other places where power has been petrified.

(10) On one of the mountains above Cascade Inlet there used to be a stone eagle with outstretched wings which came to this earth with the first people, but was petrified one day when drying its wings after fishing. About 1860 part of its beak fell away. A change in the condition of any of these places had long been regarded as an omen of misfortune, so the epidemic of smallpox that soon after ravaged the coast was not unexpected.

(11) *Ällssmos*: An unidentified spot where a *smnɨq* of the mountain was petrified. At this place there is a small pool which is the repository (II, p. 8) of a certain *kusiut* dancer.

(12) *ɨxɨ̈kam*, "The Walker," the name both of a supernatural being and the spot where it is localized. This is not far from the glacier that lies near the junction of the trails from *Snuhli* and *Tāl·io*; it is the largest one in the vicinity of Bella Coola and is said to move its position. The being is in some way connected with it, hence the name.

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Senɣ'''mai: *Kusiut* name of a *Stuix* man.
Septos: *Kusiut* name of a *Tcimoot* man.
sɔfɔlɛ̈xwum: Scalp.
sɔqwalâkt': Gnarled projection of wood from a birch knot. [824]
Spaixpaxɣmun·a: Supernatural being who wakens his fellows in the morning.
Spanbâtlnaix: One of the first women to settle on the Kimsquit River in the beginning of time.
spaniesta: Temporary camping-place.
Spâtcaldt, "The First Born": Name brought from Kitlobe to Kimsquit by a marriage in the beginning of time.
spâlki: Star.
spekm, "A Washing of the Hands": Term used to describe a marriage arranged by the offending party to settle a feud. [581]
spepandouts: The forcing upwards of water at high tide, through openings in the rocks at sea-level. [823]
spikpikmm: Person who pounds cedar-bark.
spikta: Tools for pounding cedar-bark, specifically the upper beater.
Spipisinan·i: Region on the east side of Dean Channel, about one mile from its head, where supernatural power is localized. [778]
Spi'xnunsta: Island west of Namu.
spkx: 1—Pudenda.
2—Variety of *smnɑ* with female organs. [824]
spoxâlicua: Unidentified berry. [821]
S'ps': Cold Wind: A supernatural being.
Spskunsta: Meeting place of chiefs on rock ledge behind *Ɂomɔ·ts*; the term is probably applied to any meeting place of chiefs.
spta: War-knife used by Raven in the beginning of time.
sputɣ: Olachen. [825]
spux: Eagle down.
spuxdjut, "Eagle Down-ness": Rhetorical reference to a present for which no return is expected. [431]
spuxpux: Long, delicate feathers on an eagle's breast. [825]
Spuxpuxhailaix: *Kusiut* name of a woman sent down near *Nustalst* in the beginning of time.
Spuxpuxɣa'mpdimut: *Sisaok* name of *Xuxais* origin.
Spuxspuxta: *Sisaok* name of a Kimsquit woman.
sqâl·a: Unidentified berry. [824]
sqɔlt: Alder wood, dead and dried. [825]
sqɛ̈pts: Spring salmon which have spawned.
sqɔli: Hunting ability. The term usually refers to the ability of the supernatural artisans to hunt, i.e., to kill, human beings.
sqalst or *sqalstut:* Stone, suitable for axes, found on Mount *Nustalst.* The name of the mountain is said to be derived from this. [316] [103]
sqama: 1—Chest.
2—Smoke cure for diseases of the chest.
Sqaml: Land of Ashes. [584]
sqaxuts: First proposal of marriage if made by relatives of the man.
sqals: River sand mixed with small pebbles.
Sqatsdx: Mountain on north side of the lower Bella Coola River. [823]
sqɔnm: Flood.